

ROLL OUT THE BARREL FOR BOB
TENBUSCH

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 3, 2001

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bob Tenbusch for his induction into the Michigan State Polka Music Hall of Fame. Michigan is a state whose citizens are proud of their multi-cultural ancestry and who delight in celebrating that diversity with others. The Polish community is one of the proudest in Michigan, bringing with it a passion for good food, good spirits, fellowship, dancing and the traditional foot-stomping, lively music of Poland known as the polka.

When Bob played his first polka tune, he joined a rich musical heritage that traces its origins to European classical music and folk music that later combined to form a uniquely American style during the Depression Era in the United States. Contemporary polka is a melting pot of musical influence from the vast array of immigrants that came to the United States and is representative of the diverse cultural backgrounds of our nation.

Bob's musical career began when he blew his first few notes on the trumpet for his high school band. It didn't take long for the polka to lure Bob on stage with "Big Daddy" Marshall Lackowski. By 1954, Bob struck up his own band, which he called the Melody Makers and who later changed their name to the Michigan Cavaliers. The group was a local favorite in Michigan's Thumb region for many years. In 1974, Bob formed the Golden Stars and eight years later he joined his sons in the Tenbusch Brothers.

In addition to his reputation as a musician, Bob earned kudos for his work on fund-raisers to benefit burn and accident victims and people who lost homes or barns to fire. After 30 years of playing and promoting polka music, Bob has retired from the stage, but he remains an active polka fan and is a member of the Great Lakes Polka Association.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate Bob Tenbusch on achieving the Michigan Polka Music industry's highest honor. He has truly used the power of the polka to touch hearts and coax even the most reluctant toe-tappers to embrace the liveliness and vibrancy of the polka. I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing gratitude for Bob's generous and spirited trumpet playing and in wishing him many more happy years of musical comradery.

IN MEMORY OF C. DONALD BRADY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 3, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a great citizen, C. Donald Brady.

Born in Connellsville, Pennsylvania, Mr. Brady was a truly selfless individual. In his spare time he enjoyed canoeing and fly-fishing, but it was his time that he dedicated to others that stands out.

Mr. Brady passed away recently but left in his path a long established pattern of giving.

After graduating from high school he gave to his country by joining the Navy and serving four years. Next he gave to his community, serving as a teacher after attending California (Pa.) State Teachers College and West Virginia University. Even after earning a bachelor's degree in education and a masters in education from these universities respectively, he continued to increase his knowledge by studying bacteriology at Indiana (Pa.) State Teachers College. He taught for six years at Firelands High School and then joined the faculty at North Olmsted High School in 1965. Upon retiring as a biology teacher in 1987 he continued his model of giving by rediscovering his youthful joy of playing the clarinet and becoming active in Dixieland music associations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring the memory of C. Donald Brady.

174TH ASSAULT HELICOPTER
COMPANY 2001 REUNION

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 3, 2001

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the 174th Assault Helicopter Company (AHC), Dolphins & Sharks (both pilots and enlisted crew members) who played such an important role during their service in Vietnam and Laos during 1966–1971. They will be gathering once again for their reunion in Fort Walton Beach, Florida on October 5, 6, and 7 of 2001.

The contribution of the 174th AHC to the American war effort is significant and they should be recognized for their valor. The personnel of the 174th AHC were an elite group formed at Fort Benning, Georgia in 1965. The 174th was deployed to Vietnam by U.S. Navy ships in 1966, landing at the Vietnamese port at the City of Qui Nhon. The unit's three primary "homes" in Vietnam were Lane Army Heliport near Qui Nhon (1966; II-Corps), Duc Pho in Quang Ngai Province (1967–1970; I-Corps), and Chu Lai, base camp for the Americal Division (1971; also I-Corps). The 174th flew various models of the UH-1 "Huey" helicopter. The unit served long and proud in Vietnam and saw much combat action in the rice paddies and mountains in the northern half of South Vietnam from 1966 until 1971, and in Laos during Operation Lam Son 719 in 1971.

Representative of the sacrifices of this great country is the proud and gallant record of combat service of the 174th AHC. Members of this company engaged the enemy and these engagements have taken their toll. Sixty members of this special corps of Dolphins and Sharks died gallantly for the cause of freedom. They shall not be forgotten. The 174th AHC has on countless occasions proven its high spirit and "can do" attitude as is so appropriately emblazoned on the Company crest—"Nothing Impossible."

The proud legacy of the 174th remains. They proved that the preservation of freedom required heroic sacrifice. They proved that their loyalty to American ideals and their desire for peace was their first priority. When our country needed them, they answered the call, and served proudly. It is this same spirit of sacrifice and duty that has made this nation great.

As the members of the 174th Assault Helicopter Company gather for their 2001 reunion, I wish to extend a heartfelt "thank you" for their actions in Vietnam and Laos. During this dangerous and uncertain time, we are reminded that in every generation, the world has produced enemies of freedom. The evidence of this fact is clear today after the recent attack on America. The resolve and commitment of those who have fought for freedom throughout our history continues to be the calling of our time.

The proud legacy of the 174th Assault Helicopter Company is the inspiration for today's America and those who will be called to serve. We can never repay them except by promising each other to never forget. God bless the men of the 174th AHC and their families. I hope that their reunion is a success and I wish them well in the future.

A TRIBUTE TO THOMAS E.
HOBBINS, M.D.

HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 3, 2001

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, on Sunday, September 23, 2001, the City of Baltimore, the State of Maryland, and our nation's health care community lost a valiant pioneer. Dr. Thomas Hobbins was a physician by training, but he made an indelible mark as a health care and human rights activist.

Tom Hobbins harbored a deep and abiding commitment to health care for all. He taught at the University Medical School and served as medical director of the Maryland Sleep Disorders Center in Towson. A board member of the Maryland Citizens' Health Initiative, he fought tirelessly for universal health care coverage for Marylanders. He also served on the front lines against handgun violence, teen smoking, and environmental degradation. He was a member of my health advisory group and I greatly valued his guidance.

Dr. Hobbins' curriculum vitae is filled with memberships, awards, and accolades. But I and my colleagues whom he visited here in Washington will remember him best for his generous spirit, his calm demeanor, and his altruistic approach to public policy matters. Whenever he called my office for an appointment, I could be assured that the subject of his visit would involve his patients' welfare and the common good. Tom Hobbins never once disappointed me. He combined a rare selflessness with a level of grace and serenity that most can only aspire to. It is with a sense of gratitude that I remember Dr. Thomas Hobbins. There are many who have been touched by his good will, and I am proud to count myself among them.

PROCLAMATION FOR STEVEN
FUCALORO

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 3, 2001

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to recognize one of New

York's outstanding young students, Steven Fucaloro. This young man has received the Eagle Scout honor from his peers in recognition of his achievements.

Since the beginning of this century, the Boy Scouts of America have provided thousands of boys and young men each year with the opportunity to make friends, explore new ideas, and develop leadership skills while learning self-reliance and teamwork.

The Eagle Scout award is presented only to those who possess the qualities that make our nation great: commitment to excellence, hard work, and genuine love of community service. Becoming an Eagle Scout is an extraordinary award with which only the finest Boy Scouts are honored. To earn the award—the highest advancement rank in Scouting—a Boy Scout must demonstrate proficiency in the rigorous areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills; they must earn a minimum of 23 merit badges as well as contribute at least 100 man-hours toward a community oriented service project.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the recipients of these awards, as their activities are indeed worthy of praise. Their leadership benefits our community and they serve as role models for their peers.

Also, we must not forget the unsung heroes, who continue to devote a large part of their lives to make all this possible. Therefore, I salute the families, scout leaders, and countless others who have given generously of their time and energy in support of scouting.

It is with great pride that I recognize the achievements of Steven and bring the attention of Congress to this successful young man on his day of recognition, Friday, November 2, 2001. Congratulations to Steven and his family.

"POLKA-BRATION" TIME FOR ELEANORE MAGIERA

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 3, 2001

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Eleanore Magiera of Caro, MI, for her induction into the Michigan State Polka Music Hall of Fame. The citizens of our State are proud of their multi-cultural ancestry and delight in celebrating that diversity with others. The Polish community is one of the proudest in Michigan, bringing with it a passion for good food, good spirits, fellowship, dancing and traditional foot-stomping, lively polka music.

First introduced to the polka at an early age, Eleanore became part of a rich musical heritage with origins in European classical music and folk music that later combined to form a uniquely American style during the Depression Era in the United States. Contemporary polka music is a melting pot of musical influences from the vast array of immigrants that came to the United States and is representative of the diverse cultural backgrounds of our Nation.

In 1970, Eleanore and her husband, Frank, helped form the Michigan Polka Boosters Club to promote polka music and dancing. Eleanore was elected secretary-treasurer of the club, and over the years has put out the Michigan Polka News publication. She also organized the State of Michigan Polka Hall of Fame and

is currently a member of the Great Lakes Polka Association.

Of course, everyone remembers Eleanore as a disc jockey for "Polka Party" on Sunday afternoons at the Rainbow Bar in Caro. Her enthusiastic, energetic and persistent promotion of the polka has brought smiles and good cheer to thousands of people everywhere. She continues to be active in many efforts to trumpet the qualities of polka music and to ensure its continued popularity among the young and old alike.

Induction into the Michigan State Polka Music Hall of Fame is a great honor bestowed upon those who have upheld the joyful spirit that is at the heart of polka music. Eleanore's hard work and outstanding service on behalf of polka enthusiasts has earned her this nomination, but her passion for the polka has done more than win her accolades. It has spread the love of music and dance to many who otherwise might have missed the opportunity to discover the polka.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Eleanore Magiera on achieving the Michigan Polka Music industry's highest honor and in expressing gratitude for her spirited promotion of the polka. I am confident she will continue to roll out a barrel of fun for polka lovers near and far.

SEARCH AND RESCUE DOGS

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 3, 2001

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am introducing H. Con. Res. 241, which recognizes the service of the search and rescue dogs who have been an integral part of the ongoing emergency response efforts in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania following the tragic events of September 11.

Our Nation has witnessed the valiant courage and selfless sacrifice of our public safety officers as well as ordinary citizens in the wake of these horrendous barbaric terrorist attacks. It should be noted that these search and recovery efforts have been aided by the service of more than 300 specially trained rescue dogs which possess unique sensory abilities that allow them to perform much-needed tasks that cannot be conducted as efficiently by people.

These rescue dogs, working in tandem with their equally courageous handlers, have endured exhaustion, exposure to noxious fumes and active fires, risks from falling debris, and other hazards during the rescue and recovery efforts. Accordingly, we should recognize the contribution of these highly trained canines along with those brave men and women who have risen to the challenge of responding to this tragedy.

H. CON. RES. 241

Whereas thousands of Americans and citizens of other nations perished in the terrorist attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001;

Whereas many police officers, firemen, and other emergency rescue workers also perished or were injured in their heroic efforts to save people at the site of the World Trade Center, in New York, New York, and also worked in the rescue and recovery efforts at the Pentagon outside Washington, D.C., and

at the site of the airline crash in Pennsylvania;

Whereas the rescue operations also involved more than 300 trained service dogs that performed rescue and recovery duties, particularly in New York City;

Whereas these dogs performed their duties at serious risk to their health and welfare and suffered injuries during the rescue and recovery process; and

Whereas these dogs were an important component of the larger rescue and recovery efforts: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That it is the sense of Congress that—

(1) more than 300 specially trained rescue and recovery dogs were instrumental in the emergency response operations in New York, Pennsylvania, and Virginia in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001;

(2) these dogs have unique sensory abilities that allow them to perform a set of tasks that cannot be conducted as efficiently by people;

(3) these dogs, working in tandem with their handlers, endured exhaustion, exposure to noxious fumes and active fires, risks from falling debris, and other hazards during the rescue and recovery efforts; and

(4) the Nation owes a debt of gratitude for the service given by these dogs.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. WALTER B. JONES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 3, 2001

Mr. JONES of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 362, I was unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 2946, THE DISPLACED WORKERS RELIEF ACT OF 2001 AND H.R. 2955, THE DISPLACED WORKERS ASSISTANCE ACT

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 3, 2001

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of immediate relief for the tens of thousands of workers who have lost their jobs as a result of the September 11th terrorist attacks. Since September 11th more than 100,000 airline employees have lost their jobs. Many thousands more workers in industries directly and indirectly affected by the disruption of the airline industry also have been laid off.

Small businesses also have been hit very hard by the September 11th attacks. Many of them lost key customers who constituted the lion's share of their business, as well as key suppliers who enabled them to do business.

The September 11th attacks have radically altered business prospects throughout our country. No community has been spared. While even places thousands of miles from the destruction of September 11th have been severely affected, tourist dependent communities that rely upon the airlines and the hotel industry, like my home town of Miami, have been particularly hard hit.